BSNL/MTNL Link with Cell Operators

4994. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 187 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th February, 2003 and state the details of the existing links of BSNL and MTNL with cell operators and *modus operandi* thereof indicating the terms of the operation of these linkages ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : It has been reported that the Mobile Switching Centres of cell operators have been connected with all Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)/Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) Level-I Trunk Automatic Exchange (TAX)/ Level-II TAX and at few places at Short Distance Charging Centre (SDCC) Tandem exchanges also. The Subscriber Trunk Dialing (STD)/International Subscriber Dialing (ISD) calls from cellular operators are handed over to BSNL/MTNL at Level-I TAX. Calls originated by customers of Cellular operators meant for termination in BSNL/MTNL Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) in same service area are handed over to BSNL at Level-II TAX of the destination Long Distance Charging Area (LDCA) to MTNL at Tandem exchanges. The calls originated from BSNL/MTNL PSTN network to the cellular network in same service area are handed over to the Cellular operators at Level-II TAX at the originating LDCA of BSNL/at Tandem exchanges of MTNL.

Telephone Facilities in Post Offices of Uttar Pradesh

†4995 : PROF. R.B.S. VARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of post offices in Uttar Pradesh where telephone facility is not available till now, district-wise;

(b) whether Government have any scheme for providing telephone facility in such post offices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR) :

(a) There are 755 departmental post offices in Uttar Pradesh in which telephone facility is not available. District-wise number of such post offices in Uttar Pradesh not having telephone facility is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.